
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Martiny on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 161 by Senator Johns

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 16, delete "*" * *" and insert

"(2) The registrar shall include the first absentee ballot received from a person voting by mail, if timely received, with those to be counted by the board. Any second or subsequent ballot received from such person shall be considered not timely received."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 23, delete "*" * *" and insert

"(b) For any voter hospitalized who has made timely application to vote absentee in accordance with R.S. 18:1303(D)(1) and whose absentee ballot is received by the registrar on election day, either by hand delivery or facsimile transmission, such absentee ballot shall be endorsed with the day and hour of receipt and shall be segregated from and kept separately from any other absentee by mail ballot received on or after election day.

(2) Upon receipt of any such absentee by mail ballot, the registrar shall include, on a separate list prepared for this purpose, in alphabetical order and by precinct, the name of any such voter in each precinct.

(3) The registrar shall immediately notify the commissioner-in-charge at each precinct for which a name appears on the list.

(4)(a) If the voter has not voted in person at the precinct, the registrar shall instruct the commissioner-in-charge to mark "Absentee" in the place where the voter would ordinarily sign the precinct register and to initial the precinct register opposite the word "Absentee". The registrar shall then include the first absentee by mail ballot received, if received timely, with those to be counted by the board, or, if the counting and tabulation of absentee by mail and early voting ballots has commenced, shall transmit such ballot to the board to be counted. Any second or subsequent ballot received from such person shall be considered as not timely received. Accompanying any such absentee by mail ballot shall be a statement certified by the registrar that he has verified that such voter has not voted in person at the precinct where he is registered to vote.

(b) If the voter has voted in person at the precinct, the registrar shall write across the ballot the words "rejected, voted at precinct" and shall include such ballot with all other mail ballots received on or after election day, to be kept unopened for six months, and destroyed.

(5)(a) Upon receipt of the special ballot for members of the United States Service and persons residing outside of the United States, the registrar shall endorse the day and hour of receipt on said ballots and place those received on the day of the election for which the ballot is cast, in an envelope separate from any other mail ballot. The registrar shall include, on a separate list for this purpose, in alphabetical order and by precinct, the name of each voter submitting such special absentee by mail ballot.

(b) Each envelope containing such ballot shall remain sealed until the registrar, after the close of polls on election day, has verified with the commissioner-in-charge at each precinct for which a name appears on the list whether or not such voter has voted in person at that precinct.

(c) If the voter has not voted in person at the precinct, the first special ballot received from the voter by the registrar, if timely received, shall be counted and tabulated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter relative to absentee mail ballots."

